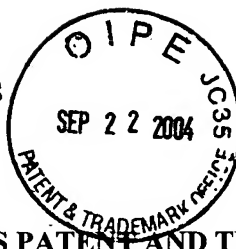


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**PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME**

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a), applicants hereby petition for a one-month extension of time to respond to the June 22, 2004 Notice to File Missing Parts in the above-identified application. With the extension, the response is due on or before September 22, 2004. Check number 2143 in the amount of \$55.00 in payment of the fee required by 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(a)(1), is enclosed herewith.

The Commissioner is authorized to charge any additional fees that may be due, or to credit any overpayment, to the undersigned's account, Deposit Account No. 50-0311, Ref. No. 21465-510 UTIL, Customer Number: 35437. A duplicate copy of this Petition is enclosed.

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